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SUBJ: ADDITIONAL MARINES FOR MOSCOW

REF: FRANKFURT 3156

1. MSG' S ON POST CURRENTLY ARE AVERAGING 58 WATCHSTANDING HOURS, PER MAN, PER WEEK. HOWEVER, DEPENDENT UPON THE FUTURE SCOPE AND DIRECTION OF THE SOVIET SCAFFOLDING ERECTION PROCESS (WE SHOULD KNOW WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE DAYS), WHICH CURRENTLY IS CONFINED TO THE NORTH WING OF THE CHANCERY BUILDING, THE AVERAGE TOTAL WATCHSTANDING HOURS PER MAN PER WEEK COULD REACH 77 HOURS. (IN THE EVENT THE SOVIET CONTINUE THE CURRENT SCAFFOLDING ERECTION IN INCLUDE THE SOUTH WING ALSO BEFORE CARRYING OUT FACADE REPAIRS TO THE NORTH WING.) UNFORTUNATELY, AT THIS PARTICULAR JUNCTURE, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ASSESS THE SITUATION ACCURATELY SINCE PROJECTED SOVIET WORK INTENTIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN CLEARLY DEFINED. HOPEFULLY, THE SOVIET SOON WILL RESPOND TO THE LATEST EMBASSY REQUEST FOR FURTHER IDENTIFICATION OF THE EXTENT OF THEIR COOPERATION IN THE CHANCERY FACADE REPAIR PROJECT. AS
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SOON AS THAT INFORMATION IS KNOWN, THE RSO WILL ALERT
FRANKFURT AND SY TO THE SITUATION.

2. IN FULL RECOGNITION OF THE HEAVY DEMANDS CURRENTLY PLACED UPON
SY FOR INCREASED WORLD WIDE PROTECTIVE SECURITY MEASURES, IT IS,
NEVERTHELESS, FELT AT LEAST TWO ADDITIONAL MARINES ARE NEEDED,
AT THIS TIME, IF WE ARE TO PROVIDE THE ROUND THE CLOCK SECURITY
PROTECTION REQUIRED FOR OUR CLASSIFIED AREAS DURING THE FACDADE
REPAIR ACTION. ON THE LONG TERM BASIS, EVEN IF WE ARE ABLE
TO CONFINE THE FACADE REPAIRS TO ONE CHANCERYWING AT A TIME, IT
IS BELIEVED AT LEAST ANOTHER ADDITIONAL MARINE SUBSEQUENTLY
WILL BE REQUIRED SINCE THIS PROJECT PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE
THROUGH OCTOBER. CONSEQUENTLY, WHATEVER ASSISTANCE WHICH
CAN BE PROVIDED, I. E., ADDITIONAL MARINES, WOULD BE
APPRECIATED.
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